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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	01/01/17	AND ENDING	12/31/17
	MM/DD/YY		MM/DD/YY
A. RE	GISTRANT IDENTIFI	CATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: ETC BR	OKERAGE SERVICES, L	LC	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BU	SINESS: (Do not use P.O. E	Box No.)	FIRM I.D. NO.
	1 Equity Way		
	(No. and Street)		
Westlake	Ohio	44	145
(City)	(State)	(Zi	Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF P	ERSON TO CONTACT IN	(4	440) 323-3491
		(A	Area Code – Telephone Number
B. ACC	COUNTANT IDENTIF	CATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT			
RADACHI AND COMPANY, Certifi	(Name - if individual, state last,		
900 E. Broad St., Suite A	Elyria	Ohio	44035
(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
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X Certified Public Accountant			
Public Accountant			
Accountant not resident in Ur	nited States or any of its poss	essions.	
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# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, _	Steve Bocan				, swear (or affirm) that, to the be	est of
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	ETC BROKERAGE SERVICES, LI		17	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		, as
of_	December 31				d correct. I further swear (or affirm	
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members of ETC Brokerage Services, LLC Westlake, Ohio

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of ETC Brokerage Services, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2017, and the related statements of income, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2017 and the related notes and supplementary information (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ETC Brokerage Services, LLC as of December 31, 2017, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of ETC Brokerage Services, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audit includes performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## Supplementary Information

The supplementary information on pages 15 and 16 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of ETC Brokerage Services, LLC's financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of ETC Brokerage Services, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplementary information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplementary information. In forming our opinion on the supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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We have served as the Company's auditor since 2012.

Elyria, Ohio February 22, 2018

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

# December 31, 2017

# **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS:  Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1 and Note 8)  Receivables: (Note 1)  Clearing organization  Accounts receivable  Mutual fund income  Current portion of employee loan receivable  Prepaid expenses	\$ 51,249 7,414 10,000 44 2,061 34,530	\$	105,298
Total current assets		Ф	103,296
OTHER ASSETS: Goodwill (Note 1) Employee loan receivable Restricted cash (Note 2) Total other assets Total assets	 3,500 773 100,000	<u>\$</u>	104,273 209,571
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY  CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current portion of related party loan payable Accounts payable Accrued expenses Total current liabilities	\$ 2,061 6,594 5,178	\$	13,833
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: Related party loan payable (Note 6)			773
MEMBERS' EQUITY  Total liabilities and members' equity		\$	194,965 209,571

# STATEMENT OF INCOME

# Year Ended December 31, 2017

REVENUE: Commissions Administrative fees Interest and dividends Mutual fund income Client fees Trading profit Other income	\$ 475,347 361,346 1,930 76,656 8,164 38,150 38,012	\$ 999,6	05
EXPENSES: Salaries and other compensation Employee benefits and taxes Trading errors Clearance Insurance Interest License and permits Monthly statement charges Office and administrative Postage Professional fees Regulatory fees Taxes	273,906 56,569 9,362 331,509 867 84 40,663 24,468 221,221 548 32,629 1,118 1,439	994,3	83_

**NET INCOME** 

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY

# Year Ended December 31, 2017

BALANCE - Beginning of year	\$	189,743
		5 000
ADDITION - Net income		5,222
BALANCE - End of year	<u>\$</u>	194,965

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# Year Ended December 31, 2017

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: (Increase) decrease in:	\$	5,222
Receivables Prepaid expenses		(8,046) (1,326)
Increase (decrease) in:		, , ,
Accounts payable and accrued expenses  Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		1,312 (2,838)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(2,636)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from loan to employee		3,165
Repayment of related party loan  Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(3,165)
The cash provided by (asea in) immening activities		
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		(2,838)
CASH - Beginning of year		154,087
CASH - End of year	<u>\$</u>	151,249
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
SUFFERING TAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION.		
Cash paid during the year for interest	<u>\$</u>	85
Cash paid during the year for income taxes	\$	1,189

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### December 31, 2017

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

## A. Business Activity:

The Company operates principally in the securities industry as a broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company is located in Westlake, Ohio and the majority of its customers are located in northeast Ohio with the remaining customers located throughout the United States.

#### B. Receivables:

The Company considers receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. If amounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to expense when that determination is made.

#### C. Estimates:

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

#### D. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly-liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### E. Concentration of Risk:

The Company maintains cash balances at a bank and investment management company. The account at the bank is fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the account with the investment management company is not insured.

Approximately 97% of the Company's revenue is generated from the accounts of customers of Equity Trust Company and Equity Advisor Solutions, both related parties.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## December 31, 2017

# Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):

#### F. Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquiring the Company over the fair market value of identified net assets at the date of acquisition, and is reflected at cost on the statement of financial condition. FASB ASC 350 addresses the recognition and measurement of goodwill and other intangibles subsequent to their acquisition. Under those rules, goodwill will not be amortized but is subject to annual impairment tests. Upon qualitative review, we are not aware of any events that would require additional testing for goodwill impairment. No impairment expense was recorded in 2017.

#### Note 2. Restricted Cash:

The Company has a deposit in escrow in the amount of \$100,000 that is required by COR Clearing Services, LLC, a broker clearing house.

# Note 3. Net Capital Requirements:

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2017, the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. The Company had net capital of \$133,042, which was \$83,042 in excess of its required net capital of \$50,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 2.66 to 1.

## Note 4. Report Disclosure:

Part III of the ETC Brokerage Services, LLC Focus Report (Form X-17A-5) dated December 31, 2017 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is available for examination and copying at the principal office of the Company in Westlake, Ohio, and at the Chicago, Illinois regional office of the Commission.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### December 31, 2017

## Note 5. <u>Income Taxes:</u>

The Company is a limited liability company that files its income tax returns on the accrual basis as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes. As such, the Company does not pay income taxes, as any income or loss is included in the income tax returns of the individual members. Accordingly, no provision is made for federal or state income taxes in the financial statements.

The Company follows the provisions of FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, that establishes a single approach to address uncertainty in the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities.

As of December 31, 2017, there were no positions for which management believes it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of tax contingencies will significantly increase or decrease within 12 months of the reporting date. The 2014 through 2016 tax years remain subject to examination by the IRS.

The Company files tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, two state jurisdictions, and a local jurisdiction. As of 2017, no uncertain tax positions are under audit for any of the Company's tax jurisdictions.

## Note 6. Related Party Transactions:

The Company has operating agreements with related parties, Equity Administrative Services, Inc. (EASI) and Equity Advisor Solutions (EAS), to provide broker support functions. The agreements require annual payments \$111,346 from EAS and \$250,000 from EASI. Administrative fee income amounted to \$361,346 for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Equity Administrative Services, Inc., a related party, provides office space, equipment, technology services, and administrative services to the Company.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### December 31, 2017

## Note 6. Related Party Transactions (Continued):

At December 31, 2017, a loan payable in the amount of \$2,834 is payable to Equity Trust Company, a related party. The loan payable requires bi-monthly payments of \$86 that includes interest at a rate of 2.0%. The note matures in May of 2019.

Maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ending	
December 31,	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$2,061
2019	<u>773</u>
	<u>\$2,834</u>

## Note 7. Retirement Plan:

Contributions to the 401(k) plan amounted to \$1,493 for the year ended December 31, 2017.

#### Note 8. Fair Value Measurements:

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820 defines fair value and provides guidance for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. ASC 820 does not require any new fair value measurements, but rather applies to all other accounting pronouncements that require fair value measurements.

ASC 820 establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobserved inputs (Level 3 measurement). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## December 31, 2017

## Note 8. Fair Value Measurements (Continued):

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable inputs for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 inputs must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurements.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level or any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Money market funds: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Company at year-end.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of the net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Company believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### December 31, 2017

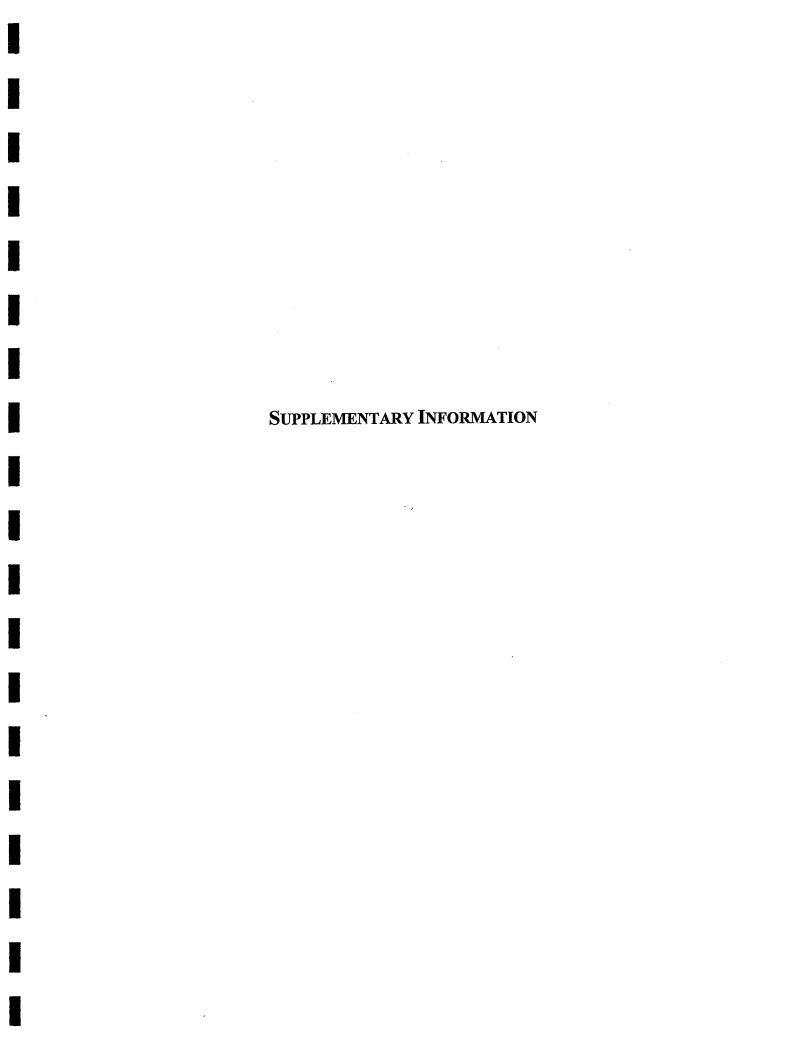
## Note 8. Fair Value Measurements (Continued):

The following table presents investments measured at fair value by classification within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2017:

	I	Level 1	Le	vel 2	Lev	vel 3	Total
Cash and money market funds	\$	51,249	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$ 51,249
Total assets at fair value	\$	51,249	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$ 51,249

## Note 9. <u>Subsequent Events:</u>

In preparing these financial statements, the Company has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through February 22, 2018, the date the financial statements were issued.



# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15C3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# As of December 31, 2017

NET CAPITAL  Total Members' Equity  Add:  A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital  B. Deferred federal income taxes  Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	\$	194,965 0 0	\$	194,965
Deductions and/or Charges:				
Non-allowable assets:				
Receivable from customers		0		
Due from related parties		0		
Other assets		50,908		50,908
Net Capital before Haircuts on Securities Positions				144,057
Haircuts on Securities (Computed, where applicable, pursuant to A. Trading and investment securities:  Stocks and warrants	15c3-1	0		
Other Securities		1,015		1.017
B. Undue concentration		0	\$	1,015 143,042
			<u> </u>	143,042
RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION (Included in Part II of Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2017)	")			
Net Capital, as reported in Company Part II unaudited FOCUS rep	port		\$	149,442
Increase in assets Increase in liabilities	\$	0 (6,400)		
Increase in non-allowable assets		0		(6.400)
Increase in undue concentration		0		(6,400)
Net capital per above			<u>\$</u>	143,042

# COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15C3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## As of December 31, 2017

COMPUTATION OF I	BASIC NET	CAPITAL	<u>REQUIREMENT</u>

Minimum net capital required	<u>\$ 974</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	\$ 50,000
Net capital requirement	\$ 50,000
Excess net capital	\$ 93,042
Excess net capital at 1500%	<u>\$ 142,068</u>
Excess net capital at 1000%	\$ 141,581
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	.10 to 1
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS	
Items included in statement of financial condition	
Accounts payable	\$ 6,594
Accrued expenses	5,178
Related party loan payable	2,835
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 14,607</u>
Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	10 %
Percentage of debt-to-debt equity total computed in accordance with rule 15c3-1(d)	0 %

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying ETC Brokerage Service, LLC's Exemption Report, in which (1) ETC Brokerage Services, LLC identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. 15c3-3(k) under which ETC Brokerage Services, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. 15c3-3: (k)(2)(ii) and (2) ETC Brokerage Services, LLC stated that ETC Brokerage Services, LLC met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. ETC Brokerage Services, LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about ETC Brokerage Services, LLC's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the conditions set forth in paragraph(k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Elyria, Ohio

January 2, 2018

## ETC Brokerage Service, LLC's Exemption Report

ETC Brokerage Services, LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- (1) The Company may file an Exemption Report because the Company had no obligations under 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3.
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

#### ETC Brokerage Services, LLC

I, Steve Bocan, swear (or affirm) that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

By: Stund. Bocan

Title: CHIEF Comprime OFFICER

Date: 1/2/18

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Washington DC **DECEMBER 31, 2017** 

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